PUBLIC NOTICE

State of South Carolina (SC)
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)
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NOTICE OF A DRAFT AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

THE OKONITE COMPANY
2276 ROWESVILLE ROAD
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
(ORANGEBURG COUNTY / REGION 5 AIKEN EQC OFFICE)
AIR PERMIT NO. 1860-0082-CZ

The Okonite Company (Okonite) has applied to the SC DHEC for an air construction permit to install and operate new equipment in the Cable Plant and Compound Plant of its existing cable manufacturing facility. A draft permit and engineering calculation sheets have been written by the BAQ outlining the facility's proposed project and applicable regulations. This permit will enable the facility to construct and operate in compliance with State and Federal Air Quality Regulations. The draft permit has not yet been approved and is open to comment from the public and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Emissions that will increase as a result of this project include Particulate Matter less than 10 Microns in Diameter, Volatile Organic Compounds, and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). If approved, the draft permit will establish federally-enforceable emission limits of less than 10 tons per year (TPY) of any single HAP, and less than 25 TPY of any combination of HAPs, from the Cooler/Classifier-Heater/Dryer No. 2, thereby limiting this equipment's potential to emit to below major source levels for HAPs, as defined by SC DHEC Regulation 61-62.63 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)," so that a Case-by-Case Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) Determination will not be required.

If approved, and following issuance of this draft permit, Okonite will be considered a major source for Title V applicability purposes. Therefore, in accordance with SC DHEC Regulation 61-62.70 "Title V Operating Permit Program," the facility will be required to submit a Title V Operating permit application within twelve (12) months after the source becomes subject to the Title V Operating Permit Program. Any subsequent Title V Operating Permit will undergo an additional public comment period and EPA review.

Interested persons may review the materials drafted and maintained by DHEC for this facility and submit written comments on the draft permit by October 28, 2006, to Kirk Schneider at the above DHEC address. All comments received by October 28, 2006, will be considered when making a decision to approve, disapprove, or modify the draft permit. Where there is a significant amount of public interest, DHEC may hold a public hearing to receive additional comments. Public hearing requests should be made in writing to Donna Moye at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at: moyedd@dhec.sc.gov. If a public hearing is requested and held, notice will be given in this newspaper thirty (30) days in advance. A request for final review may be filed after a permit decision has been made. Information regarding final review procedures is available from DHEC's legal office at the above address or by calling (803) 898-3350. Information relative to the draft permit will be made available for review through October 28, 2006, at the DHEC Columbia Office listed above and at the following location:

SC DHEC, Region 5 Aiken EQC Office, 206 Beaufort Street, Northeast, Aiken, SC 29801 at (803) 641-7670.

The BAQ maintains a county-based mailing list of persons interested in receiving notification of BAQ public notice actions. If you would like to be added to this list, please submit a request with your name, address, and counties of interest to Donna Moye at the above DHEC address or e-mail. Information on permit decisions and hearing procedures is available by contacting DHEC at either address listed above. Copies of a draft permit or other related documents may be requested in writing at a \$.25 per page charge. Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.